

**LEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
BOARD MEETING**

December 17, 2013

The Board of Social Services for the Lee County Department of Social Services convened at 12:00 noon, in the Board of Commissioner's Room at the Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina. Board members present were Ophelia Livingston, Paul Utley, David Riddle, and Commissioner Charles Parks. Also present was Ex-Officio member Brenda Potts.

Chairperson Livingston called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with the serenity prayer.

The Board considered changes to the December agenda. With no changes made, the agenda was approved as presented.

The Board considered changes to the November Minutes. With no changes made, the Minutes were approved as presented.

The meeting was turned over to DSS Director Brenda Potts.

PUBLIC COMMENT - No one signed up to speak during the Public Comments section of the meeting.

OLD BUISNESS-

NC Fast Update-Notification of hard launch has been announced and Lee County will hard launch for Medicaid and Work First on Tuesday, January 21st. Lee County will be one of the 17 counties to roll out first. We were thankful that the state held off hard launching in December, since this is a very busy month with us having to adjust all the cases that have SSA benefits in them for the Cost of Living. This new policy brings in the "No Wrong Door" which means that you can go to any county and apply. That county has to process the application and forward it the county of residence. We are already are seeing this from Harnett County residence. A lot of counties have setup Kiosk for clients to apply in their lobbies, however we do not have the space to set this up. When a client makes an application through the Marketplace and it remotely appears they might qualify for Medicaid, a Medicaid application will be sent to the county for processing. At this time we understand that over 10,000 Marketplace applications are being held since the Marketplace is not working and not being sent over to NC Fast. Counties have been receiving call from clients stating that they applied through the Federal Marketplace and when they try to check on the status of their application they are being told to call DSS to see if they are eligible for Medicaid. Once those 10,000 cases start to come over to the counties we are already sure it will be a circus. This will mean we will fail our "application processing report card" for several months. We will be making the change to universal worker's starting in January, and the workers are looking forward to the move. If a client comes into DSS and says they need assistance with the Market Place application, we have to evaluate them for Medicaid and take the AHC (Marketplace) application.

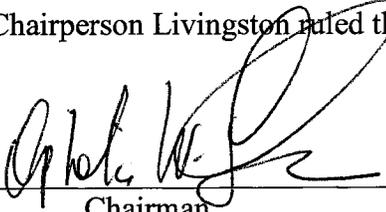
New Hires-In the last several months we have had a few job openings; (1) Processing Assistant III-Mail Clerk/Fiscal Clerk resigned to take a Postal Position, interviews have been completed and the offer was made to a lady that has 19 years extensive experience in the fiscal accounting and mail distribution. (2) Child Support Agent II-Shirley Emerson retired at the end of November and that position has been filled by another Child Support Agent from Chatham County with 16 years' experience. (3) Adult Home Specialist, Tracy Hardison has requested to be moved to a lower level position vacated by Deborah

Yarborough, who left and went to the hospital as a social worker. Now Tracy's position, Adult Home Specialist, has been posted.

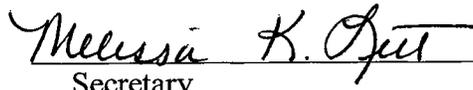
With no further business to come before the Board, Member David Riddle moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Utley. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: All
Nay: None

Chairperson Livingston ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned.



Chairman



Secretary